

There are so many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who are influential in the STEM fields. Here are two Asian Americans that impact our lives on a regular basis.

On average, Arkansas has more tornados in April and May than any other time of the year. The strength of those tornados is measured on a scale developed by a Japanese American meteorologist [Tetsuya Fujita](#).

[Ajay Bhatt](#) played a major in the design and development of the USB port and the jump drive.

There are over 30 ethnically distinct groups originating from the Asian and Pacific regions.

Asia's regions consist of **Northern Asia** (Russia, Siberia), **Central Asia** (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), **Western Asia** (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen), **Southern Asia** (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Tibet), **Eastern Asia** (China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, and Taiwan), and **South East Asia** (Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam).

The **Pacific Islands** comprised of **Melanesia** (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, and the Solomon Islands), **Micronesia** (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federal States of Micronesia) **Polynesia** (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).